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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN: REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF SA-16 AND
SA-14 MANPADS

REF: A. ALMATY 823

[1](#)B. STATE 26014

[1](#)C. STATE 26005

Classified By: DCM MARK ASQUINO FOR REASONS 1.4(B) and (D)

[1](#)1. (S) On February 28, Poff delivered ref B demarche immediately following the delivery of Ref C demarche to Gaukhar Biseyeva, Head of the Office of European Security in the Kazakhstani Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and her assistant Yerzhan Zhukenov. Biseyeva appeared cautiously optimistic about the transfer of SA-16 and SA-14 MANPADS to the U.S. for exploitation, but said that this decision would need to be coordinated with the Kazakhstani Ministry of Defense (MOD).

[1](#)2. (S) Bishayev asked if any other nations would be involved with transferring the MANPADS to the U.S., to which POLOFF replied that the UAF would transport the systems itself. Biseyeva committed to contacting the appropriate MOD officials to discuss the topic, and invited POLOFF to a follow-up meeting where an MOD representative would be present.
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